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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 118  
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A RESOLUTION to honor Bev Johnson and thank her for 10  
years of dedicated service at WDIA-AM, 1070.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the elected representatives of the State of Tennessee should pause in their deliberations to recognize a person who utilizes the powerful medium of radio broadcast to provide both entertainment and information to the citizens of Memphis and our state; and

WHEREAS, Bev Johnson is one such person, a woman who has achieved great personal success and who also devoted herself to the betterment of her community; and

WHEREAS, Bev Johnson is celebrating her 10th year as host of the highest rated talk show in Memphis, "The Bev Johnson Show," heard on WDIA-AM 1070; and

WHEREAS, Bev is also the News Director for WDIA; she has served in many capacities during her twenty-year career in broadcasting, including exemplary tenures as Public Service Director, News/Community Affairs Director, and Programming Assistant; and

WHEREAS, Bev exemplifies the spirit and dedication that is characteristic of a great Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, a native of Memphis, Bev graduated from Rust College in 1975 with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in English Literature, and earned a Master of Science Degree in Educational/Media Technology from Jackson State University, Jackson, Mississippi in 1979; and

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WHEREAS, Bev has always placed a high value on community service, and she has spent much of her time with the YWCA's Women's Abuse Shelter and the United Negro College Fund; and

WHEREAS, perhaps Bev's greatest accomplishments have come as a member of the Board of Directors for the Memphis Chapter of Planned Parenthood, the NAACP, the National Coalition of Black Programmers and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority; and

WHEREAS, Bev has assumed various professional leadership roles in educational training in the Memphis area: she teaches radio at Rust College and public speaking at Shelby State Community College; and

WHEREAS, Bev is a devout Christian and evinces her strong belief in the Lord through her membership at Mt. Pisgah C.M.E. Church; and

WHEREAS, Bev is most appreciative of the love and support she receives from her husband, Ozelle Edwards; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of 10 years of superlative programming, it is certainly appropriate that this Body should honor Bev Johnson, host and producer of "The Bev Johnson Show," and celebrate this significant milestone in her career; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we do hereby honor Bev Johnson upon her 10th year as host and producer of "The Bev Johnson Show," and commend her exemplary public service to the Memphis community and the State of Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.